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(B) KUALA LUMPUR 5037 DTG 020316Z AUG 77

1. AS EXPECTED, SRV AMBASSADOR DID NOT REPEAT NOT
ATTEND AUG. 3 AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES FOR FOUR VISIT-
ING ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THAT KEPT HIS COLLEAGUES
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IN LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS OCCUPIED FOR MOST OF THE DAY
(CHAIR RESERVED FOR HIM WASH REMOVED WHEN IT BECAME
EVIDENT HE WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING). PRC CHARGE WAS ON
HAND ONLY FOR ARRIVALS OF DELEGATIONS FROM COUNTRIES
WITH WHICH PRC HAS RELATIONS (THAILAND AND THE PHILIP-
PINES). ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND THE GDR
AND POLISH CHARGES WERE PRESENT THROUGHOUT AND THE NORTH

KOREANS WERE ON HAND FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THE PROCEEDINGS, THEY MAY HAVE SEEN THIS IN TERMS OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS RATHER THAN IN ASEAN CONTEXT. GDR CHARGE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT "IN INTEREST OF SOCIALIST UNITY" HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND CEREMONIAL OPENING OF ASEAN SUMMIT AUG. 4.

2. IN SEPARATE VENUE, INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK WAS INTERVIEWED ON MALAYSIAN TV PROGRAM "THIRTY MINUTES" AUG. 3. QUESTIONED WHETHER ASEAN SHOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING PROTECTIONIST POLICIES (UNSPECIFIED), MALIK REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR CAUTION, AS THIS MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. WHILE SOME PRODUCTS MIGHT REQUIRE PROTECTION, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMPROMISE, HE NOTED. IN THIS REGARD, WHILE THE U.S., FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE QUOTAS FOR TEXTILE PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES TO ENTER U.S. MARKETS TO ENABLE THE INDUSTRY TO SURVIVE, ASEAN, IN TURN, COULD COMPROMISE BY NOT REPEAT NOT RESTRICTING THE IMPORT OF U.S. AUTOMOBILES.

3. AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION OFFICERS DURING BRIEF RESPITE FROM THEIR CHORES TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEIR MISSIONS HOPED FRASER AND MULDOON'S MEETINGS WITH ASEAN COUNTERPARTS WOULD DEAL WITH GENERAL PRINCIPLES OR COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATIONS OVER SPECIFICS.
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NEITHER LEADER HAS MUCH CONCRETE TO OFFER; RATHER, THEIR ATTENDANCE IS SEEN PRIMARILY AS SYMBOLIZING THE IMPORTANCE THEIR GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO ASEAN.

4. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS COVERING ASEAN MEETINGS TELL US THAT RIVALRY CONTINUES BETWEEN ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OVER THEIR RESPECTIVE PREROGATIVES, MALAYSIAN FINANCE MINISTER RAZALEIGH BEING CITED AS PARTICULARLY MIFFED BY BEING LEFT OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT.
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